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NUCLEAR COOPERATION INITIATIVE DEMARCHE

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Classified By: Political Counselor Andrew Schofer, reasons 1.4 (b,d)

¶1. (C) The GONL is willing to cooperate with USG efforts to define the U.S.-India Civil Nuclear Cooperation Initiative as an exception to the Nuclear Suppliers Group Guidelines. However, the key for the GONL will be successful implementation of the initiative, including especially Indian negotiations to place its civilian nuclear facilities under IAEA safeguards "in perpetuity." Polmiloff discussed reftel with MFA Senior Advisor Ceta Noland, Nuclear Affairs and Non-Proliferation Division, on March 8. Noland said the GONL looks forward to any concrete U.S. proposals regarding the initiative presented during the upcoming March 22-23 Nuclear Suppliers Group Consultative Group.

¶2. (C) Noland also commented on the France-India nuclear civil nuclear cooperation initiative announced just prior to President Bush's visit to India. Noland said the GONL viewed "with interest" the French initiative. While contingent on the successful implementation of the U.S.-India initiative, Noland said it was clear the French are "keen to capitalize" on possible civilian nuclear cooperation.

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